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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION THAT IDS FILINGS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2003 AND DECEMBER 8, 2003 HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED**

The instant application was allowed March 16, 2004. However, IDSs were filed with the USPTO on November 13, 2003 and December 8, 2003. The undersigned has not yet received initialed PTO-1449 Forms corresponding to the IDS filings of November 13, 2003 and December 8, 2003. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm that these two IDS filings have been considered by providing the undersigned with initialed copies of the corresponding PTO-1449 Forms relating to these two IDS filings.

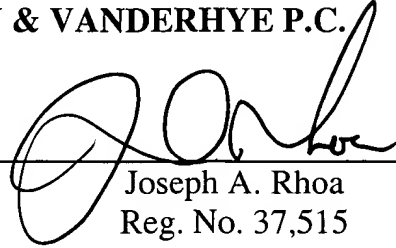
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Please let me know if you should have any questions with regard to the above.

Respectfully submitted,

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